

Board to Board

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News From the
Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES
Board of Education to Your
Board of Education



Thomas DeRue, Board President

Wind Turbine Installed at Wayne Tech

On January 8, 2008, contractors completed construction on the Wayne Tech and Career Center's (WTCC)

10KW Wind Turbine and hoisted the 80-foot tower into the air. The wind turbine will be used for instructional purposes for the WTCC New Vision Renewable Energy Program

that started in September 2006. This program is the first program of its kind in a public K-12 school in New York State.

Students enrolled in the New Vision

Renewable Energy program have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience and training in various alternative energy

sources such as wind, solar, geothermal and other alternative fuels (hydrogen, ethanol, biodiesel and biomass.)

For more information about WTCC's

Wind Turbine or the Renewable Energy Program contact Craig Logan, WTCC Principal at 315-589-2600 or cloagan@wflboces.org.



Contractors put the finishing touches on the blades of the WTCC wind turbine in January.



W-FL BOCES Holiday Highlights

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Thanksgiving Celebration at Red Jacket Education Center

Mark Your Calendar

W-FL BOCES January Board Meeting

January 28th * 7 p.m.

W-FL BOCES Regional Support Center
Jack Loveless Conference Room
131 Drumlin Court, Newark
phone: 315-332-7284

Superintendent BOE Visit Honeoye Central School District

January 29th * 6:30 p.m.

Secondary School Library
8528 Main St., Honeoye
phone: 585-229-4125

Superintendent BOE Visit Lyons Central School District

February 12th * 7 p.m.

Lyons High School Library
10 Clyde Road, Lyons
phone: 315-946-2200

W-FL BOCES February Board Meeting

February 25th * 7 p.m.

W-FL BOCES Regional Support Center
131 Drumlin Court, Newark
phone: 315-332-7284

Ruby K. Payne, Ph.D.

Staff Development Program
April 30th * 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Club 86, Geneva
phone: 585-394-9239

Happy
New
Year!



BOCES Staff Recognized for 30 Years of Service



W-FL BOCES "30 Year" staff members pose with Dr. Joseph Marinelli, District Superintendent (far right) at All Staff Day. Back row from left: **Vicki Shay**, Business Office; **Lilly Green**, Wayne Tech and Career Center (WTCC); **John Cochol**, Finger Lakes Secondary School (FLSS); **Dave Schneider**, FLSS and **Deb Warney**, WTCC. Front Row: **Dalaine Dayton**, WTCC.

W-FL BOCES recently held its annual All Staff Day in the Canandaigua Academy Auditorium where six staff members were honored for 30 years of service each. More than 900 BOCES employees were present to cheer those who were honored for 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of service as well. All Staff Day is held once each year and allows all W-FL BOCES staff to meet together in one location at the same time.

Board President, Tom DeRue welcomed staff members and thanked them for their dedication and hard work. District Superintendent, Dr. Joseph Marinelli made a presentation focusing on the past year's accomplishments and shared W-FL BOCES STEM (*Science, Technology, Engineering and Math*) initiatives with staff.

Staff honors were also given out at All Staff Day awarding exemplary service in the categories of Customer Service, Teamwork, Leadership and Individual Contribution. Retirees were also recognized and thanked for their years of service to W-FL BOCES.



W-FL BOCES EduTech and Warehouse Staff collected more than **one ton** of canned and boxed food items donated by BOCES staff for FoodLink and area food cupboards during All Staff Day.



BOCES Staff Spotlight

Jo Ann Shepard was recently promoted to the position of Director of Alternative and Special Education for W-FL BOCES. Jo Ann has worked for BOCES for ten years and was the principal of



*Jo Ann Shepard, Director
Alternative and Special Education*

Midlakes Education Center where she was responsible for supervising 15 classrooms and was also the administrator of the Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Vision Departments. In her new position, Jo Ann is responsible for overseeing W-FL BOCES' five special education schools (located in Rushville-Gorham, Clifton Springs, Newark, Manchester-Shortsville and Williamson) as well as the Centers for Experiential Learning in Stanley and Williamson. To contact Jo Ann call 315-332-7366 or e-mail jshepard@wflboces.org.



*Cindy Parker, Principal
Midlakes Education Center*

Congratulations to **Cindy Parker** who was appointed to the position of Principal of Midlakes Education Center in Clifton Springs. Cindy's prior experience includes serving as an Educational Specialist at Midlakes Education Center for eight years. In this role, she coordinated and led curriculum writing teams, provided training on New York State Learning Standards and assisted teachers in preparing students for New York State assessments among other duties. She is a Special Education Instructor and has worked in many classrooms providing assistance and support to hundreds of students with disabilities. To contact Cindy Parker call 315-548-6631 or e-mail cparker@wflboces.org.

Students are the Heart and Soul of What We Do!

CEL Students Receive Board Honor



W-FL BOCES Board President Tom DeRue with Center for Experiential Learning students Delma Griffen, Amanda Skinner, Angel Barth and Kyla Davis. Brandon Miller was also honored, but is not pictured.

Five students from the W-FL BOCES Center for Experiential Learning (CEL) received the Board of Education's *Certificate of Merit* at the November 2007 Board Meeting held at the Regional Support Center in Newark. CEL Students **Angel Barth**, Midlakes; **Kyla Davis**, Geneva; **Delma Griffen**, Penn Yan; **Brandon Miller**, Geneva and **Amanda Skinner**, Canandaigua were honored for outstanding contribution to the 8th Annual Adolescent Health Conference held in Penn Yan, New York on October 19, 2007.

All five students donated their time and talents to the task of successfully creating and performing a skit entitled "Dispel the Myths and Teach the Facts." Students performed this skit at the Health Conference for area health educators, social workers and school nurses. The topics addressed at this conference included current health and wellness issues facing teens. The Board also thanked CEL Health Instructor, Pam Thompson, School Counselor Christi Kuhn and Principal, John Sheehan for assisting and encouraging each of the students to succeed in this endeavor.

The W-FL BOCES Board Certificate of Merit is awarded to teachers, staff, students and educational partners for general performance, or for a single act that goes above-and-beyond the call of duty. This act must be reflective of the qualities and values of W-FL BOCES and be heroic, unique and/or outstanding.

For more information about the W-FL BOCES Board of Education, contact Carolyn Robinson at crobinson@wflboces.org or 315-332-7284. For information about the Center for Experiential Learning (located in Williamson and Stanley) go to the W-FL BOCES website at www.wflboces.org or contact John Sheehan, Principal at jsheehan@wflboces.org or 585-526-4665.

Call for Environmental Scholarship Applicants

The Ontario County Board of Supervisors announced they will again award Casella Environmental Waste Management academic scholarships to qualified Ontario County college or college-bound students who are pursuing majors in environmental studies, agriculture or agricultural business including waste management.

Casella Waste Systems, Inc. has established this 20-year fund to support scholarships to encourage students to pursue college-level studies and careers in the fields of environmental studies, agriculture and waste management. Geoffrey Astles, Ontario County Administrator said, "This scholarship is one way our citizenry benefits from the public/private partnership we have with Casella Waste Systems."

Each scholarship recipient will receive \$2,500. Joseph Marinelli, District Superintendent of Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES, which serves as the scholarship coordinating agency said, "We are pleased to collaborate with The Ontario County government and Casella Waste Systems to facilitate this academic scholarship program supporting careers in the environmental, agriculture and waste management fields."

Each scholarship recipient will be chosen by a team of reviewers including, Carol Urbatis, Dean of Student Services and Enrollment Management at Finger Lakes Community College; Tom Drennen, Associate Professor of Economics & Director of Environmental Studies at Hobart & William Smith Colleges; Joe Galante, Director of Technical/Career and Continuing Education and Madeleine Hemmings, Grants Coordinator at W-FL BOCES. Recipients are chosen for their outstanding academic records and for essays written showing his or her dedication to a career that will support the environment.

College or college-bound students who reside in Ontario County who are interested in applying for the 2008 Casella Waste Management Scholarships are directed to view the requirements on the Ontario County website at www.ontariocounty.gov or the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES website at www.wflboces.org

Applicants are asked to complete the application including all the attachments, obtain the necessary references and forward all to Madeleine Hemmings, Grant Coordinator, Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES 131 Drumlin Court, Newark, NY 14513.

The Application Deadline is March 1, 2008 at 5 p.m.

Celebrating the Holidays at W-FL BOCES



Wayne Tech and Career Center (WTCC) Criminal Justice students hosted a holiday "Day of Caring" for the residents of Newark Manor Nursing Home. Residents were treated to manicures, pedicures and haircuts by Cosmetology students and a holiday lunch prepared by Culinary Arts students.



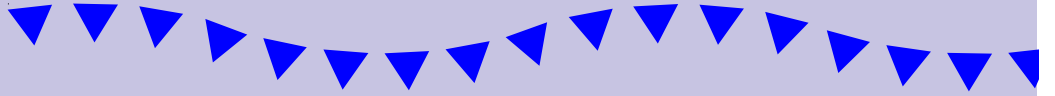
Red Jacket Education Center students helped give back to the community by ringing the bell for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign at Bliss Shurfine Food Mart in Shortsville.



The Newark Education Center (NEC) Middle and High School Choir performed at the annual NEC Holiday Concert in December. Students also performed in small ensembles and led the audience in a sing-along at the end of the performance. Marty Daniels, NEC Principal was the guest accompanist for the evening.



Students and staff from the WTCC Animal Science Program brought their pets to the holiday "Day of Caring" for the enjoyment of Newark Manor residents. The Marion High School Select Choir came to the tech center and performed a variety of holiday music for residents as well.



Celebrating the Holidays at W-FL BOCES



Everyone at Red Jacket Education Center enjoyed their annual Thanksgiving Holiday feast at school. The traditional turkey dinner and all of the fixings were prepared by staff and students.



Red Jacket Education Center staff and students created headpieces while preparing for their annual Thanksgiving Celebration.



Staff and students at Wayne Education Center in Williamson held a food drive to benefit FoodLink of Rochester. They collected 72 assorted foods to donate. The students helped collect, count and decorate collection boxes for this activity.



A student art exhibit was displayed at the Red Jacket Education Center's annual celebration of language and literacy. The theme of this year's event was "Winter's Delights" and included an elementary school vocal ensemble, middle school recorder ensemble and poetry created and read aloud by students.

Vision Staff Creates Opportunities for Learning and Fun for Students



Left: **Barb Adams**, Teacher for the Visually Impaired (TVI), prepares to bowl against one of her students, 5th grader **Dan O'Dell** from Phelps-Clifton Springs.

The W-FL BOCES Vision Department recently coordinated a bowling and lunch outing for six students with visual impairments from five school districts within the Wayne-Finger Lakes Region. The first stop for the day was at Wendy's Restaurant in Newark where students were able to practice ordering from menus written in braille and in large print. After lunch, the group headed to Rose Bowl Lanes where the students chose to team together and

bowl against their teachers. According to Nancy Johnson-Ensworth, Teacher for the Visually Impaired (TVI), the field trip was the first time many of the students had the opportunity to meet each other in person, although three of them had been pen pals for years. "We wanted to give our students the opportunity to meet other students of similar ages with visual impairments," Johnson-Ensworth said. The outing provided students an

opportunity to achieve vision, orientation and mobility goals while enjoying each others company and having fun! Jo Ann Shepard, W-FL BOCES Director of Alternative and Special Education joined in on the fun and said, "The staff's commitment to their students and families is extremely impressive."

The BOCES Vision Department

is comprised of four teachers who specialize in orientation, mobility and instruction for the visually impaired: They are Nancy Johnson-Ensworth, Barb Adams, Diane LaClair and Gregg Backus. Each TVI works with individual students of all ages who attend public schools or BOCES schools throughout the Wayne-Finger Lakes Region. For more information, contact Nancy Johnson-Ensworth at 315-332-3328 or johnson@wflboces.org.



Left: **Nancy Johnson-Ensworth**, TVI shares the lane with 5th grader **Cheyenne Everett** from Newark.

ZooMobile Visits FLTCC Animal Science Students



Photo by Justin Twist, FLTCC Animal Science

Helen DiShaw, Animal Trainer at the Seneca Park Zoo shows FLTCC Animal Science students how she uses food as a reward to train "Palmer" the South American Kinkajou.

The Wegman's ZooMobile recently visited the Finger Lakes Technical and Career Center (FLTCC) to show Animal Science students the techniques, cues and behavioral theories used at the zoo to train their animals. Seneca Park Zoo Animal Trainer, Helen DiShaw demonstrated her training techniques with "Annie" the Serval, "Bunny" the Domesticated Mallard, "Bodacious" the Boa Constrictor and "Palmer" the South American Kinkajou.

DiShaw explained in order to be a good animal trainer you need to have a strong knowledge of theory, an ability to accurately interpret animal behavior, a love for animals, lots of patience and good people skills. She also explained the important role that zoos play in educating people about habitat conservation and the role animals play in our world. For more information about the W-FL BOCES Animal Science Program, contact Sandra Hawkins at 585-526-6479 or shawkins@wflboces.org.